

**PERINATAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION (PSAP)
SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
June 20, 2008**

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Maggie Carlton, Senator
John Hiatt, Ph.D.
Susan Doctor, Ph.D.
Colleen Morris, M.D., University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM)
T.J Rosenberg, Family Support Services Director, Nevada Parents Encouraging Parents (Nevada PEP)
Deborah McBride, Agency Director, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA)
Candice Kidd, Director, Women and Children's Campus, WestCare of Nevada
Lorraine Vazquez, Parent, Rural Mental Health Consortium (RMHC)

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Terrence McGaw, M.D.
Beverly Neyland, M.D.
Charlene Herst, Manager, Chronic Disease Section, Bureau of Community Health (BCH)
Susan Pittinger, Psy. D., Reno Sparks Tribal Health Center
Johnette Oman, M.Ed., Supervisor, Bureau of Early Intervention Services (BEIS)
Anna Severens, Early Childhood Consultant, Department of Education (DOE)

STATE HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Muriel Kronowitz, Perinatal Substance Abuse Prevention (PSAP) Coordinator, BFHS
Joanne Malay, Health Program Specialist, Maternal and Child Health (MCH), Medical Consultant, Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS)
Victor Lamas, Administrative Assistant 1, BFHS

OTHERS PRESENT

Suzanne Aberasturi, Ph.D., Neuro Psychologist

CALL TO ORDER

Senator Maggie Carlton called the Perinatal Substance Abuse Prevention (PSAP) Subcommittee meeting to order at **9:40 a.m.** The meeting was videoconferenced at the Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS), 3427 Goni Rd, Suite 108, Carson City and the Bureau of Licensure & Certification (BLC), 4220 S. Maryland Parkway, Building D, Suite 810, Las Vegas, Nevada. This was a public meeting, and the public was invited to make comments. In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, this meeting was posted at the following locations: BFHS, Carson City; Nevada State Health Division (NSHD), Carson City; Nevada State Library and Archives, Carson City; Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), Las Vegas; Elko County Library, Elko; BLC, Las Vegas; and the Health Division Website: www.health.nv.gov

Introductions were made around the table.

**OFFICIAL WELCOME OF ANNA SEVERENS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION (DOE) AS NEW PSAP SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER**

Tabled as Anna Severens was not able to attend the meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2008

T.J. Rosenberg motioned to approve the March 28, 2008 minutes. Dr. Colleen Morris seconded.

MOTION APPROVED

PSAP SUBCOMMITTEE CO-CHAIR REPORT

No report was given

UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER (FASD) CLINICS AND TEAM MEMBERS, FUNDING AND POSSIBLE START DATE DECISION FOR RENO

Dr. Morris stated due to the increase in funding, the number of children evaluated and diagnosed in Las Vegas had increased and the waiting list had decreased from 80 to 40 children. She reported the northern Nevada families who are on the waiting list were contacted to see if they would like to be transferred to the Reno list or remain on the Las Vegas list. A family from Tonopah decided to remain on the Las Vegas list. 11 families preferred to be on the Reno list. The charts of those families had been transferred to Mojave Mental Health (MMH) in northern Nevada and will be prioritized. Dr. Morris stated the members of the northern team had planned to start the clinics on the last week of July. The forms to score patients will need to be purchased as well as a laptop computer and supplies. Muriel Kronowitz stated the funds are supposed to be released after July 1, 2008, and are unable to purchase supplies needed until then. Dr. Susan Doctor stated MMH is under the impression the clinics would start at the end of July and will need to stay in contact with them. Senator Carlton committed to make sure funding is not delayed. Dr. Morris stated the Las Vegas team had no intent to direct the Reno team and will just provide the materials in order to diagnose patients and collect the data. Ms. Kronowitz stated she will schedule a meeting with the Reno team in the near future to discuss the contractual agreements needed. Dr. Morris stated there should be enough money to do six clinics in northern Nevada. Ms. Kronowitz stated she had an audio meeting with the MMH team and Mary Wherry, Deputy Administrator of the Nevada State Health Division (NSHD) to look into sustainability of clinics past the current funding and how to access funds. Ms. Kronowitz stated money may be able to be accessed through Medicaid in certain areas and will be explored as to feasibility. Senator Carlton suggested showing the results of the clinics to Medicaid to see if they would help with future funding. Ms. Kronowitz stated MMH had 25 families to add to the waiting list in Reno. Dr. Suzanne Aberasturi asked if the first clinic in Reno would have 3 instead of 4 patients. Dr. Morris stated the first clinic should only see 3 patients because the team will need additional time to get used to the processes. Ms. Kronowitz stated the team had elected to hold the clinics the last Friday of every month starting in August. **NO ACTION TOOK PLACE**

DISCUSSION AND PLAN FOR FASD AWARENESS DAY ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

Ms. Kronowitz stated she met with Martha Framsted, Public Information Officer (PIO), NSHD, to discuss ways to maximize publicity and media support. She will be on radio and television in July with Bob Fisher of the Observation Network. Press packets will be put together and will look into obtaining air time for the FASD Summit speakers, and getting human interest stories for northern and southern Nevada. Dr. Morris stated the Lili Claire Foundation (LFC) had approached the Miracle Mile Shops in the Planet Hollywood resort in Las Vegas to see if interested in sponsoring a rally for FASD day on September 9, 2008. The sponsorship is still in the planning stages and will have more information within a couple of weeks. **NO ACTION TOOK PLACE**

UPDATE ON SCREENING, ASSESSMENT, REFERRAL AND TREATMENT (SART) PROCESS AND 4 P'S PLUS IMPLEMENTATION

Ms. Kronowitz stated the implementation of the 4 P's Plus screening tool started in mid-May at The Pregnancy Center and Health Access Washoe County (HAWC) in Reno. Dr. Ira Chasnoff,

with the Children's Research Triangle, had applied for another grant with Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to bring the training and screening to Las Vegas. For the mean time it gives the opportunity to refine and revise any concerns or issues presented in the Reno screenings. Dr. Doctor stated the only issue is how to get new staff of those facilities trained. Ms. Kronowitz stated Dr. Chasnoff will set time to meet with the screening team to see if more training is needed when he comes to the FASD Summit. Dr. Doctor stated once the screening team is more comfortable in conducting the screenings, other agencies such as the justice system will be looked into to implement the screening tool.

UPDATE REGARDING THE BUILDING FASD STATE SYSTEMS CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA)

Dr. Doctor stated she and Ms. Kronowitz attended the conference and had the opportunity to network with other states. Ms. Kronowitz stated she gained knowledge from individuals who have worked with the for 4 P's Plus screening tool in their states and gathered information on how other states are working to raise awareness on FASD. She will be sending a copy of the state plan to all the subcommittee members.

PSAP COORDINATOR UPDATES

Ms. Kronowitz stated she is working on marketing the FASD summit and in contact with the rural coalitions to have more families from rural areas attend. The coalitions will help with travel for some of the families. Ms. Kronowitz will be sending Senator Carlton an email regarding the cost of travel and lodging for the summit. Lorraine Vazquez stated she would volunteer to help with the publicity campaign of the summit and had been approached by the Nevada Appeal newspaper interested in writing an article on FASD. Ms. Kronowitz stated Dan Dubovsky, National FASD Specialist, SAMHSA, agreed to present a workshop with Dr. Doctor at the FASD summit which will be the parent piece.

Senator Carlton asked when the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) block grant would be ready to be distributed. Joanne Malay stated the narrative portion of the grant was finished and should be ready to be distributed at the MCH advisory board meeting on June 27, 2008. A state performance measure which addresses the number of women screened for alcohol, tobacco and other drugs had been added. The data is being collected in Reno, with hopes of collecting data throughout the state in the near future. The specific data in the block grant is from the Bureau of Health Planning and Statistics (BHP&S) and will not be available until June 26, 2008.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO STAFF

Recommendations to staff were given throughout the meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

Senator Carlton stated Great Basin Primary Care Association (GBPCA) will be holding a symposium to discuss health care issues within the state. The symposium will take place at the Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center in Lake Tahoe from August 21 and 22, 2008.

Next scheduled meeting is set for September 26, 2008. If a meeting is needed prior to then, Ms. Kronowitz will send an email to all subcommittee members to schedule a date.

Meeting adjourned at **10:45 am.**